

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**Application No. 09/399,696**

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5. (Amended) The method of claim 4, further comprising, upon receiving a request to add another server, connecting the server to an existing server in the server hierarchy based on a number of connections of the existing server.

6. (Amended) The method of claim 4, further comprising, upon receiving a request to delete an existing server in the hierarchy, deleting that server.

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11. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising, upon receiving a request to add another server, connecting the server to an existing server in the server hierarchy based on a number of connections of the existing server.

12. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising, upon receiving a request to delete an existing server in the hierarchy, deleting that server.

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17. (Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 16, further comprising, upon receiving a request to add another server, connecting the server to an existing server in the server hierarchy based on a number of connections of the existing server.

18. (Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 16, further comprising, upon receiving a request to delete an existing server in the hierarchy, deleting that server.